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OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

Although we have not yet heard from Mr. Paine, owing to his absence in Europe, that he accepts the office to which he was unanimously and enthusiastically chosen, we have great hope that he will do so.

The following remarks were made at the annual meeting by Rev. S. C. Bushnell in nominating Mr. Paine:

"Hon. Robert Treat Paine, of Boston, a descendant of the gentleman of the same name who signed the Declaration of Independence, graduated at the head of his class in Harvard College in 1855 and prosecuted the practice of law in this city for twenty years, but has more recently devoted himself to various important charities.

"He was the originator and is the President of the Wells Memorial Building on Washington Street, and also of the Workingmen's Loan Association and the Workingmen's Building Association, all of which institutions have for their purpose the providing of homes and rational amusements for workingmen, and to afford them necessary loans at a small interest. He is also the President of the Boston Board of Associated Charities, and devotes his time almost exclusively to these enterprises for the benefit of his fellow-men.

"He has been a member of the Massachusetts Legislature, and a few years since escaped membership of the National Congress by only a few votes. He is an Episcopalian, a vestryman of Dr. Brooks' (Trinity) church, and for two years has been the vice-president of this society. The late President Tobey felt assured that Mr. Paine was the man for president when he, Mr. Tobey, should leave that office.

"Mr. Paine has been in Europe since October last and proposes to return in September. It has been impracticable to communicate with him since Mr. Tobey's death, but the minds of the friends of international peace have unanimously turned to Mr. Paine for election to the office of president."

DECEASE OF MRS. HODGSON PRATT.

We hear with sincere regret of the death of Mrs. Hodgson Pratt, wife of the Chairman of the International and Peace Arbitration Association, April 20, after a few days' illness. Both those to whom Mr. Pratt is personally known, and those who know him only by his work and zeal for all good causes, will join with his own Executive Committee in expressing their sincere sympathy with Mr. Pratt in his heavy bereavement.

ITALY—SIGNOR MAZZOLENI.

Signor Mazzoleni, of Italy, has written an interesting and valuable pamphlet, entitled "La Italia nel Movimento per la Pace" (Italy in the Peace movement), which is published by the Lombardy Peace and Arbitration Union, at Milan.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

The confederation of the Australian provinces into a "Commonwealth" is another step of advance in the direction of national unity. Great Britain is about everywhere round the world, and the only warrant for her continuance as one nation is in the consolidation of her provinces and the verification of the nation. Italy and Germany have become unified within a few years; the United States is one to-day, as it was not in 1860; North and South America were never bound together by treaties as to-day. All of this looks towards international harmony. No nation can take her place in the family of nations unless her own household is characterized by unity and peace.

THE PROPOSED MEETINGS IN 1893.

We are encouraged to find in the *London Echo* a communication fully stating our proposals for the peace meetings at Chicago and this intelligent and comprehensive endorsement by Mr. J. Frederick Greene of London.

"It will be seen that these plans propose a greater advance toward the establishment of international concord than any which have been hitherto attempted. It is to be an official conference of accredited representatives of the various Governments. Every friend of humanity, and every lover of peace, must look forward with interest and hope to the results of such a conference; and in due time strenuous efforts must be made to induce the Governments to accept the invitation. Should the practical outcome of the Conference be the adoption of the plans proposed, it will indeed shed immortal honor on the Government of the United States, and entitle that great confederation of States to a still higher place among the progressive nations of the world."

MAY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the American Peace Society met in Pilgrim Hall, Boston, May 11, 1891, at 2 p. m. Dr. W. A. Mowry was elected Chairman *pro tem*. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. B. Smith. Rev. G. W. Stearns was elected Secretary *pro tem*. Members present: Messrs. Allen, Howard, Miner, Mowry, Richards, Smith and Stearns. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A letter dated Milan, Italy, April 8, from the Lombardy Union of the International Society of Peace and Arbitration, referring to the recent massacre in New Orleans, was read, and a reply thereto submitted by Secretary Howard was duly approved, and ordered to be suitably signed and forwarded.

Voted, That Secretary Howard and Dr. W. A. Mowry be constituted a committee to take into consideration any changes in the By-laws, particularly with reference to the "Committee on Bills."

Two very encouraging letters were read from Hon. C. C. Bonney, President of the World's Congress Auxiliary, dated, Chicago, April 21 and May 5, in reference to the Peace Congress to be held in connection with the Columbian Exposition in 1893.

Voted, That the annual meeting be held May 25, at 2 p. m.
Adjourned. G. W. STEARNS, Sec. *pro tem*.